

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A complete listing of the claims is set forth below. ~~Please amend the claims as~~

~~follows:~~

1. **(Previously Presented)** A fulfillment system associated with a distributed supply chain, comprising:

a database operable to store:

at least one customer-specified rule identifying a sourcing constraint associated with a customer; and

at least one contract value associated with a current status of a contract involving the customer; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

receive an available-to-promise (ATP) request comprising a plurality of request line-items each corresponding to a desired product;

generate one or more component ATP requests using at least one rule in the database and based on the request line-items;

communicate the component ATP requests to at least one supplier associated with the desired product, the supplier determined according to at least one customer-specified rule identifying the sourcing constraint;

receive a plurality of component quotations from at least one supplier, each component quotation corresponding to a component ATP request and comprising product availability information for one or more corresponding desired products; and

generate a quotation for communication using the product availability information and the contract value in the database.

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